

A Concise Messianic Chanukah

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- **Blessing for the festival Lights**

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheiyenu Melekh Ha-Olam, asher
Kidishanu bemitzvotav, vitzevanu lehadlik nir shel Chanukah*

All blessing comes from You Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who sanctifies us by Your right actions and instructs us to kindle the festival light of
Chanukah.

NB: (Prayed every night prior to lighting the Chanukiyah [Chanukah Menorah])

- **Blessing for Chanukah**

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheiyenu Melekh Ha-Olam, she'asah
Nisiym la'avoteiyenu bayamiym haheim bazman hazeh*

All blessing comes from You Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who worked miracles for
our forebears in days of old during this season.

NB: (Prayed only on the first evening of Chanukah)

- **Blessing for the season**

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheiyenu Melekh Ha-Olam,
Shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu, lazman hazeh*

All blessing comes from You Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has kept us alive,
sustained us and privileged us to reach this season.

NB: (Prayed only on the first evening of Chanukah)

Order of Service:

- Sing *Maoz Tzur*
- Read PSALM 30, John 10:22, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, Revelation 1:12-19
- Eat fried foods, Latkes (*Levivot*) and Donuts (*Sufganiyot*)
- Play dreidels (Jewish Spinning tops)

Maoz Tzur*(Stronghold of the Rock)***Transliteration:**

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach
 Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach
 L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach Mi-tzar Ha-mi-na-bei-ach
 Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach

Ra-ot Sav-ah Nafshi B'yagon Kochi Ka-leh
 Cha-yai Mei-re-ru V'koshi B'shi-bud Malchhut Egla
 U-v'yado Ha-g'dola Ho-tzi Et Ha-sgula
 Cheil Par-oh V'chol Zar-oh Yardu K'even Bim-tzula

Dvir Kodsho Hevi-ani V'gam Sham Lo Sha-kat-ti
 Uva Nogeis V'higlani Ki Zarim Avad-ti
 V'yein Ra-al Ma-sachti Kim-at She-a-varti
 Keitz Bavel Z'ru-bavel L'keitz Shiv-im No-shati

Krot Komat B'rosh Bi-keish A-gagi Ben Hamdatah
 V'ni-h'yata Lo L'fach U-lemokeish V'ga-a-vato Nishba-ta
 Rosh Y'mini Niseita V'oyeiv Shmo Machita
 Rov Banav V'kin-yanav Al Ha-eitz Ta-lita

Y'va-nim Nik-bi-tzu A-lai A-zai Bi-may Chash-ma-nim
 U'far-tzu Chomos Migda-lai V'tim-u Kol Ha-shma-nim
 U'mi-no-tar Kan-ka-nim Na-a-sa Neis La-sho-sha-nim
 B'nei Vi-nah Y'mei Sh'mo-nah Kav-u Shir U'ri-na-nim

Cha-sof Z'ro-a Kodshecha V'ka-reiv Keitz Ha-yeshu-ah
 N'kom Nikmat Ava-decha Mei-uma Har-sha-ah
 Ki Archah Ha-sha-ah V'ein Keitz Limei Ha-ra-ah
 D'chei Admon B'tzeil Tzalmon Ha-keim La-nu Ro-im Shiv-ah

Translation:

O mighty stronghold of my salvation,
 to praise You is a delight.
 Restore my House of Prayer
 and there we will bring a thanksgiving offering.
 When You will have prepared the slaughter
 for the blaspheming foe,
 Then I shall complete with a song of hymn
 the dedication of the Altar.

My soul had been sated with troubles,
 my strength has been consumed with grief.
 They had embittered my life with hardship,
 with the calf-like kingdom's bondage.
 But with His great power
 He brought forth the treasured ones,

Pharaoh's army and all his offspring
Went down like a stone into the deep.

To the holy abode of His Word He brought me.
But there, too, I had no rest
And an oppressor came and exiled me.
For I had served aliens,
And had drunk numbing wine.
Scarcely had I departed
At Babylon's end Zerubbabel came.
At the end of seventy years I was saved.

To sever the towering cypress
sought the Aggagite, son of Hammedatha,
But it became [a snare and] a stumbling block to him
and his arrogance was stilled.
The head of the Benjaminite You lifted
and the enemy, his name You obliterated
His numerous progeny - his possessions -
on the gallows You hanged.

Greeks gathered against me
then in Hasmonean days.
They breached the walls of my towers
and they defiled all the oils;
And from the one remnant of the flasks
a miracle was wrought for the roses.
Men of insight - eight days
established for song and jubilation

Bare Your holy arm
and hasten the End for salvation -
Avenge the vengeance of Your servants' blood
from the wicked nation.
For the triumph is too long delayed for us,
and there is no end to days of evil,
Repel the Red One in the nethermost shadow
and establish for us the seven shepherds.

Chanukah Scripture Readings

“At that time the Feast of *Chanukah* took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, And *Yeshua* was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Judeans gathered around Him and said to Him, ‘How long will you Keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ *Yeshua* answered ‘I did tell you but you did not believe me.’”

Yochanan (John) 10:22 (*Author's translation*)

Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ***Rav Shaul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:16***

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Rav Shaul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16 -18

"Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden *Menorot* (plural of *Menorah*: multibranch temple lampstand), and in the midst of the *Menorot* one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest. The hairs of His head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden *Menorot*, the seven stars are the angels of the seven communities of faith, and the seven *Menorot* are the seven communities of faith.

Yeshua's Revelation to Yochanan (John) 1:12-19 (Author's translation)

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